

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the modifications above and the remarks below. The Office Action conditionally allowed Claims 11-17, 24-32, 36, and 46-52. Applicants have added Claims 55-78, incorporating the scope of the invention encompassed by conditionally allowed Claims 11-17, 24-32, 36, and 46-52. Applicants have capitalized Alamine, as suggested by the Examiner. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's suggestion.

A. Rejections Under 35 USC 112, second paragraph

1. The Office Action rejected Claims 13, 26, and 48 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. In view of the modifications above, the rejection is believed moot.
2. The Office Action rejected Claims 1-54 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. In view of the modifications above, the rejection is believed moot.

The Office Action had indicated that cancelled Claims 13, 26, and 48 were rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, because the "specification is non-enabled to one of ordinary skill in the art as to what is meant by "di, tridecyl amine." Although Claims 13, 26, and 48 have been cancelled, the phrase appears in new claims 57, 64, and 74. Applicants note that on page 6, fourth full paragraph, the phrase is discussed.

B. Rejections Under 35 USC 103

1. The Office Action rejected Claims 1-10, 18-21, 41-45, 53 and 54 under 35 USC 103 over Ketcham. In view of the modifications above, the rejection is believed moot.
2. The Office Action rejected Claims 22, 23, 33-35, and 47-40 under 35 USC 103 over Vertes '852. In view of the modifications above, the rejection is believed moot.

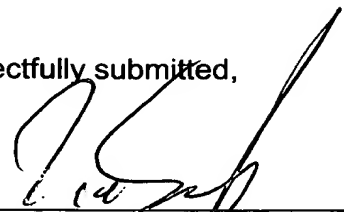
C. Objections

The Office Action objected to Claims 11-17, 24-32, 36 and 46-52, indicating that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, allowance of Claims 55-78 is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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